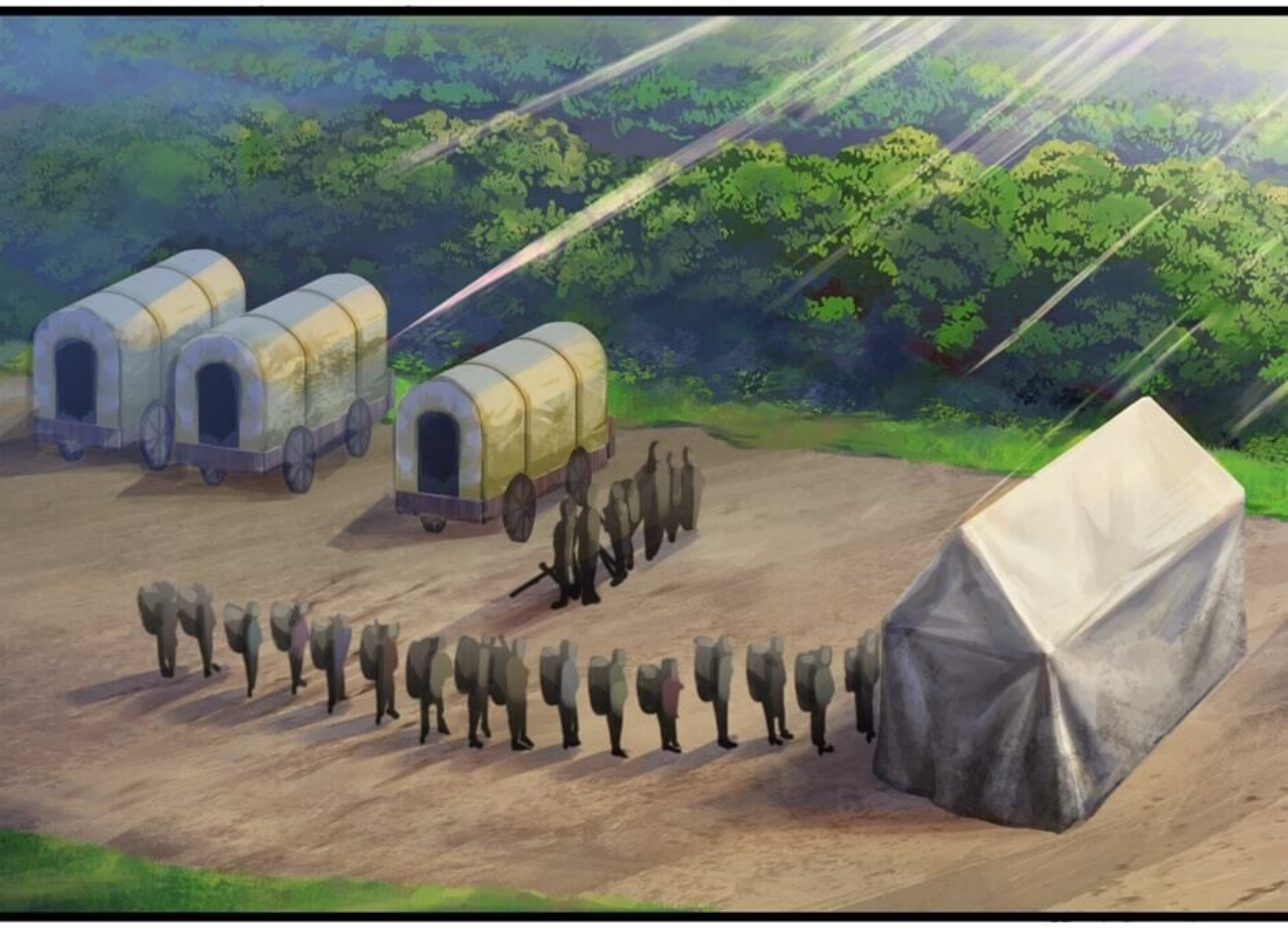


SAY 'BYE' TO DADDY!

WE'LL EAT SOMETHING NICE TOGETHER WHEN I'M BACK!

I DON'T WANT DADDY TO GO!

COME ON... BE CAREFUL, HONEY.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME. STAY SAFE WITH OUR DAUGHTER. I'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME.

IT'S A LONG LINE...

MR. CALONDORO...

WOW, MS. ELISE! HOW ARE YOU?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

I'M ONE OF THE GUARDS WHO'LL PROTECT YOU GUYS ON YOUR WAY TO THE DRAGON'S NEST.

YOU DECIDED TO GO TOO?

YES. I HAVE NO SKILLS OTHER THAN USING MY STRENGTH FOR THINGS.

I SIGNED UP TO BE ONE OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS.

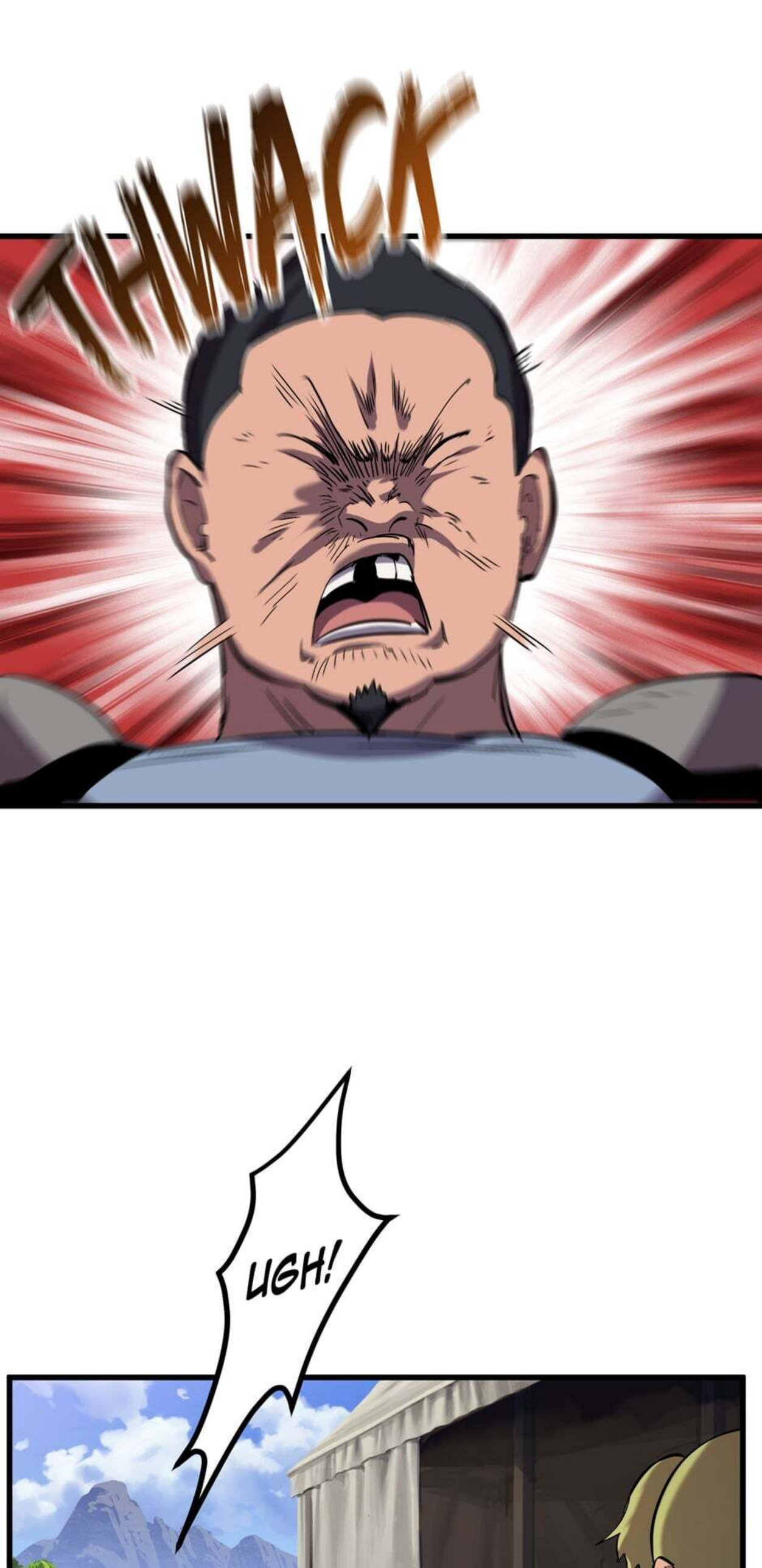
ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN UNTIL THE JOB'S DONE?

HOW ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

I AM A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT THE MONSTERS,

BUT MR. ALEJANDRO HIRED ADDITIONAL HUNTERS FOR THE CAMP.

I KNOW HE'S BEEN THOROUGH ABOUT THEIR SELECTION, SO I FEEL SAFE.


THWACK
UGH!

THUD

VICTOR! APPLICANT NUMBER 57!
WOW

WE'RE ALL HUNTERS HERE. DON'T FEEL TOO BAD.

YOU'RE IN!

WELCOME TO THE DRAGON'S NEST!

YES!

NUMBERS 59 AND 60! YOU GUYS ARE THE LAST ONES! PLEASE COME FORWARD.

WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT! THEY PAY PRETTY WELL FOR JUST HUNTING WILD MONSTERS.

EVERYONE WANTS THE SAME THING.

MOST OF THE APPLICANTS ARE AROUND LEVEL 25 TO 30...

THEIR LEVELS AREN'T AS HIGH AS I THOUGHT THEY'D BE.

IT MAKES MORE SENSE FOR THE HIGHER-LEVEL HUNTERS TO GO TO THE DUNGEON INSTEAD OF COMING TO A REMOTE PLACE LIKE THIS.

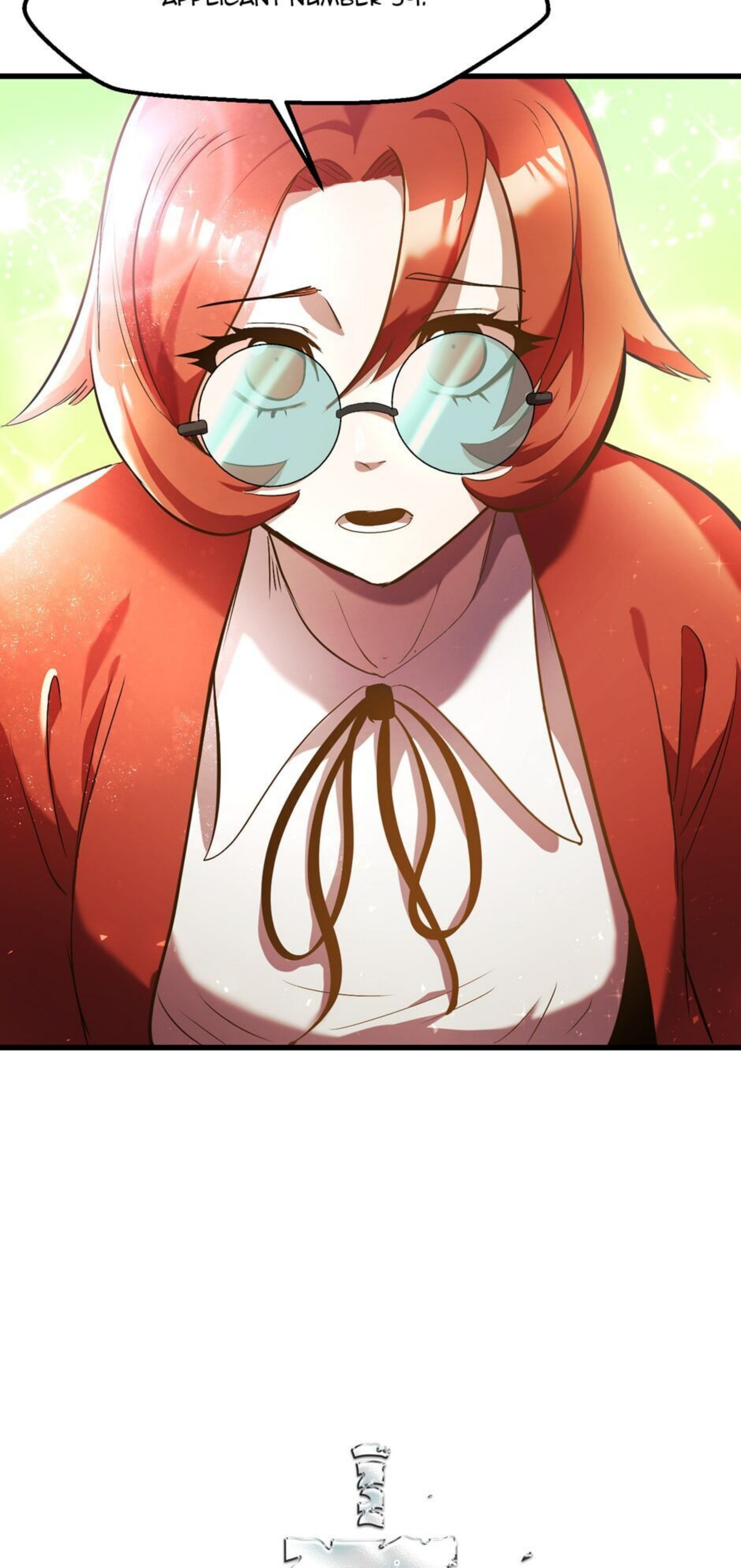
I GUESS SO. EPHYR, I CAN'T REALLY SEE THEM SO WELL FROM HERE. CAN YOU LIFT ME UP?

THANKS.

SSK

WHERE'S APPLICANT NUMBER 59?
H-HERE! ONE SECOND!

I AM ARIANA STIA,
APPLICANT NUMBER 59


APPLICANT NUMBER 34.

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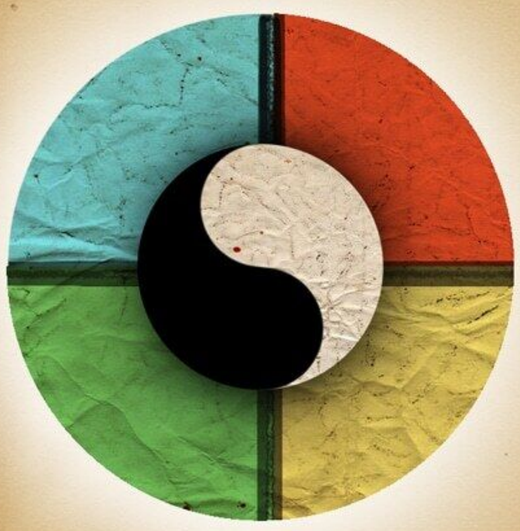
MR. ARTIS.
PLEASE DO NOT TAKE
TOO LONG.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? I'VE NEVER DRESSED UP AS A WOMAN BEFORE!
DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?
CREAK

SLAM
N-NO! I'M ALMOST DONE.
AH... OK.
BUT WHY IS THE CHURCH OF LIGHT TAKING ON SUCH A HUGE PROJECT ALONE?

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FIVE CHURCHES?

THE CHURCHES OF WATER, FIRE, WIND, AND EARTH ARE EXTREMELY WARY ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED WITH MATTERS OUTSIDE OF THEIR OWN DENOMINATIONS.



AND OF COURSE, THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS WOULD JUST SEND THE INQUISITORS HERE TO DESTROY THE WHOLE CAMP.

WE DO OUR BEST TO BE CAUTIOUS, BUT THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS WON'T...
EXCUSE ME...

DO I LOOK... WEIRD?
FWAAA
WOW... THE LIGHT!

H-HOW ABOUT THESE GLASSES?
YES... THAT CAN DEFINITELY GIVE ME A DIFFERENT LOOK!

HOW DO I LOOK?
DO I LOOK LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON?

OH WAIT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ANYTHING IF I TAKE YOUR GLASSES...
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I NEED TO SEE IN THIS LIFE.

YOUR MISSION IS TO FIND OUT IF THE DRAGON'S NEST IS REAL.

THE FIRST STEP IS TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE HUNTER SELECTION PROCESS.

USE THE PAPERWORK I GAVE YOU.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR PAPERWORK?

YES.

I'M USED TO HIDING MY IDENTITY, BUT I'VE NEVER FELT THIS NERVOUS BEFORE.

I FEEL LIKE EVERYONE IS STARING AT ME!

HEY, LADY! I'M SURE YOU WON'T MAKE IT, BUT WE CAN PROTECT YOU ON YOUR WAY HOME!

...

MAYBE YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS, BUT A LOT OF THE GUYS WHO COME FOR THIS TYPE OF ODD JOB CAN BE DANGEROUS~

YOU MIGHT GET KILLED FROM THE TRY-OUT PROCESS!

I NEED TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE A JOB THIS SIZE BY MYSELF.

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE LIKE HER WHO BRINGS DOWN THE AVERAGE.
RIGHT, ELLIE?

THERE'S... SOMETHING ODD ABOUT HER.
MS. ARIANA STIA? A LEVEL-30 MAGE, RIGHT?
YES!

SHE'S LEVEL 45! WHY WOULD SHE HIDE HER OWN LEVEL AND COME HERE?

FLP FLP
FLP FLP

YOU'RE IN.

WELCOME TO
THE DRAGON'S NEST.
WHAT...?

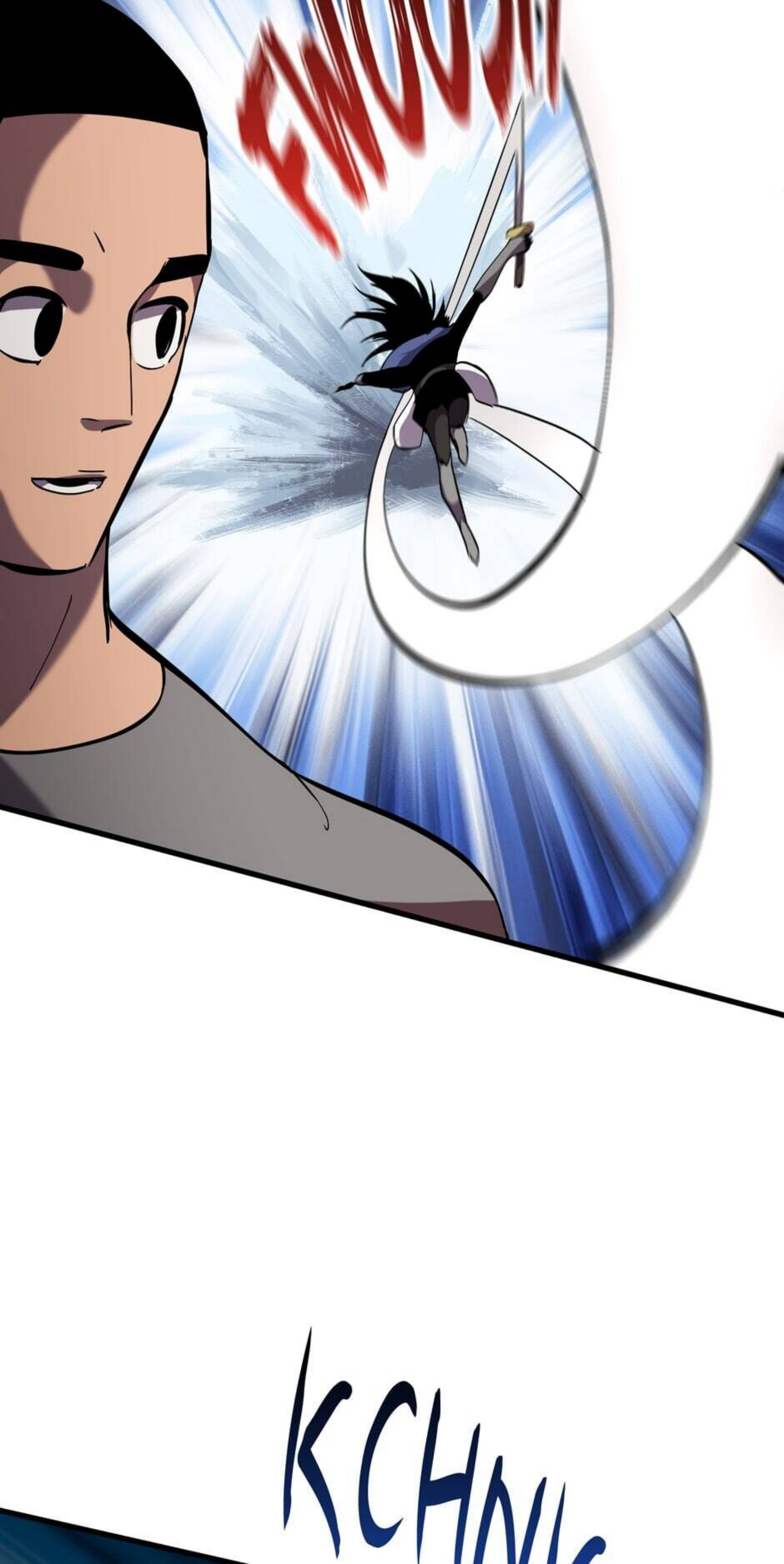
WHAT?
HOW IS THIS FAIR!
SHE DIDN'T EVEN
FIGHT!
HAHA!
PLEASE CALM
DOWN, EVERYONE!

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MAGES IN THE NEST.
ON TOP OF THAT, MAGES ARE ALL ABOUT STUDYING AND RESEARCHING THINGS. IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF JOB TO BEGIN WITH.

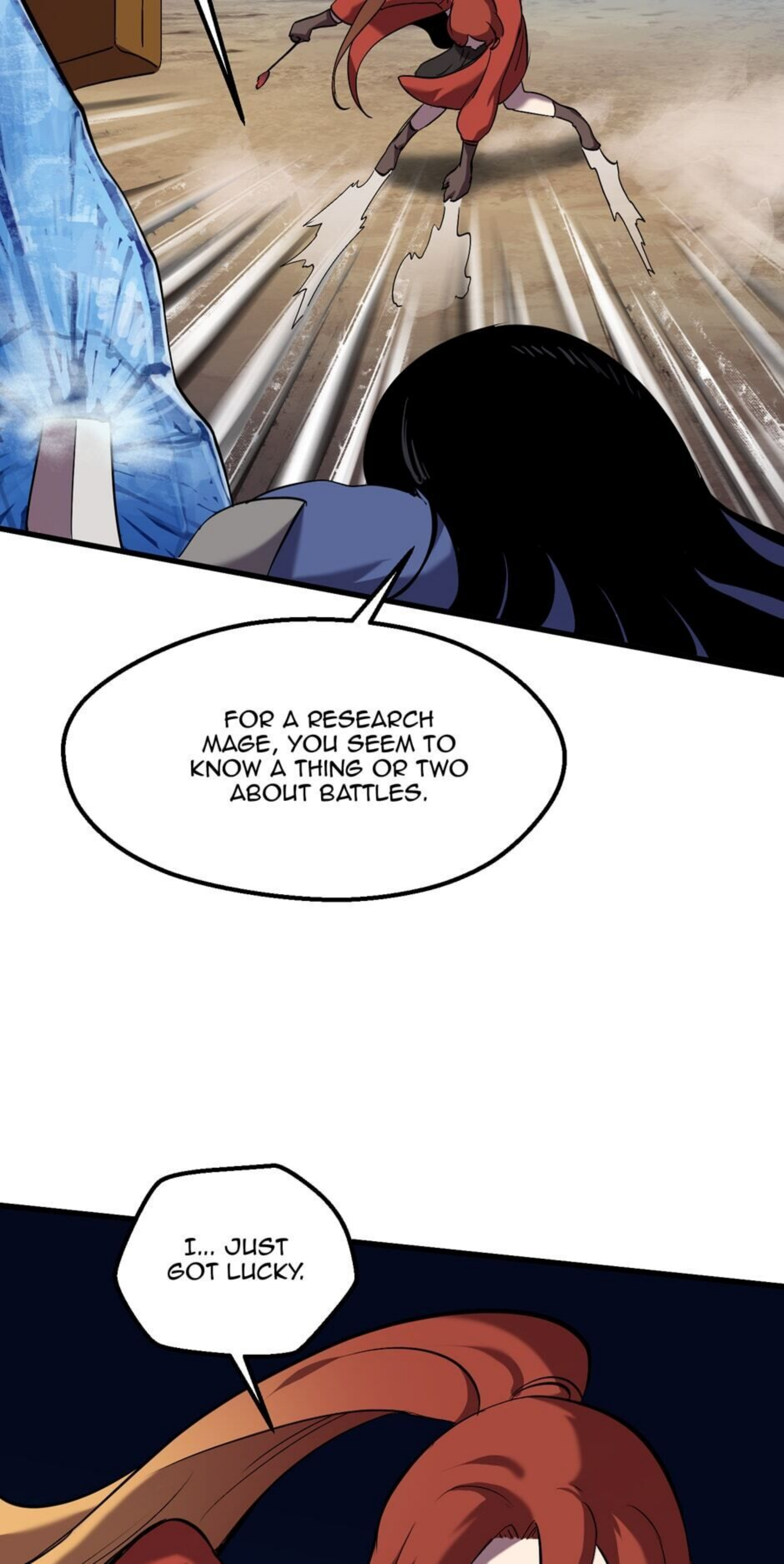
THERE WAS NO ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT A DIFFERENT TYPE OF JOB OPENING AND SOME PEOPLE MIGHT BLAME MR. ALEJANDRO FOR BEING UNFAIR.

I'LL TEST HER ABILITY SINCE I'M LEVEL 35.
MS. ELISE? WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

THAT'S AN ORDER. STEP ASIDE.
SOMETHING'S GOING ON THAT I'M NOT AWARE OF...
I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT IT IS, BUT I CAN'T LET ALEJANDRO BECOME ANY MORE POWERFUL THAN NOW!


ENOUGH
KCHONG

YOU RENDERED MY SWORD USELESS FROM THE VERY FIRST STRIKE.


FOR A RESEARCH MAGE, YOU SEEM TO KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT BATTLES.
I... JUST GOT LUCKY.

MY IDENTITY MIGHT GET EXPOSED IF I USE A HIGH-LEVEL MAGIC SPELL HERE.
I'LL START WITH THE FROST SPELL...

SHE LEFT HER SWORD!

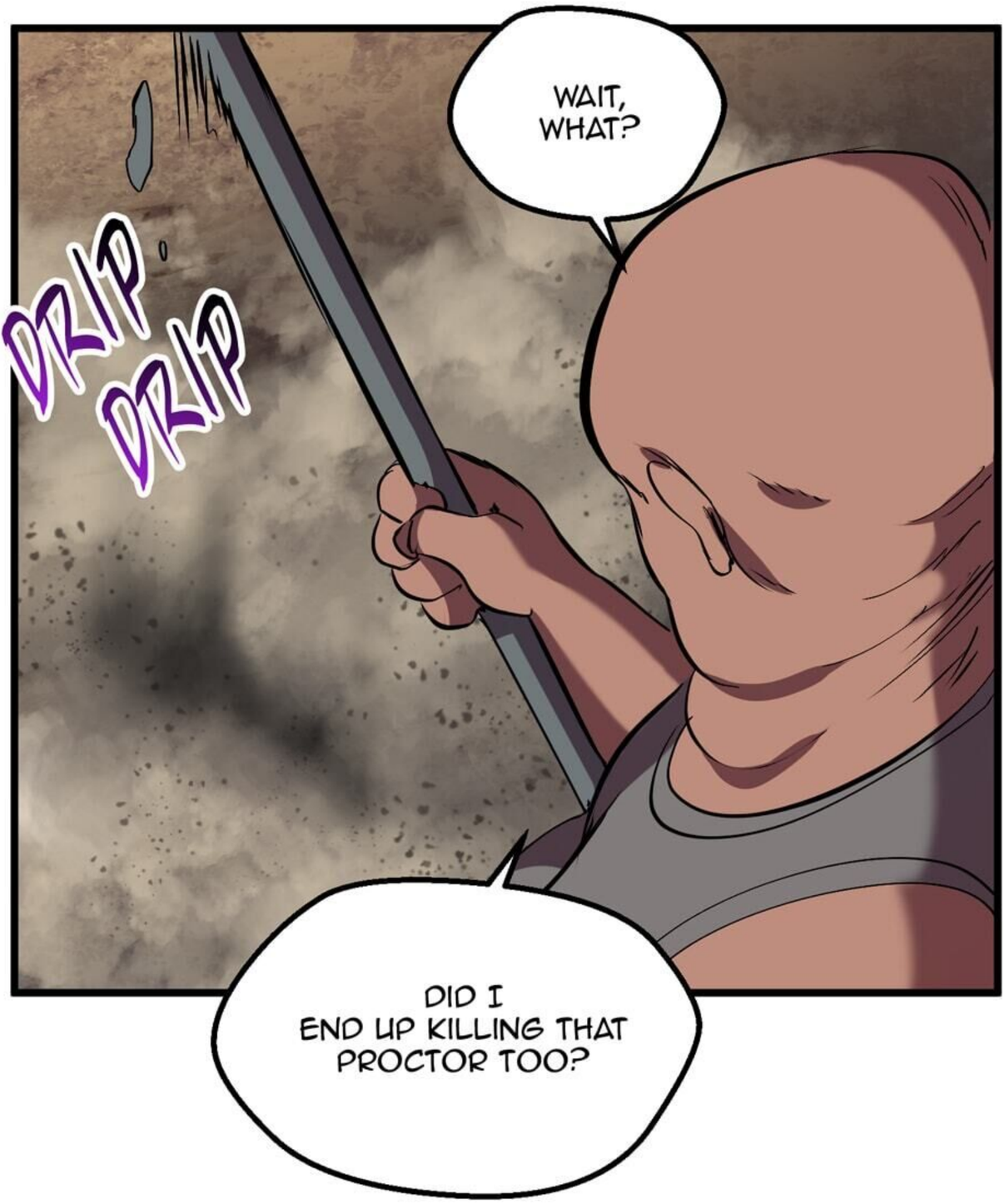
NO SPELLSWORD CAN FIGHT WITHOUT A SWORD!

BOOM

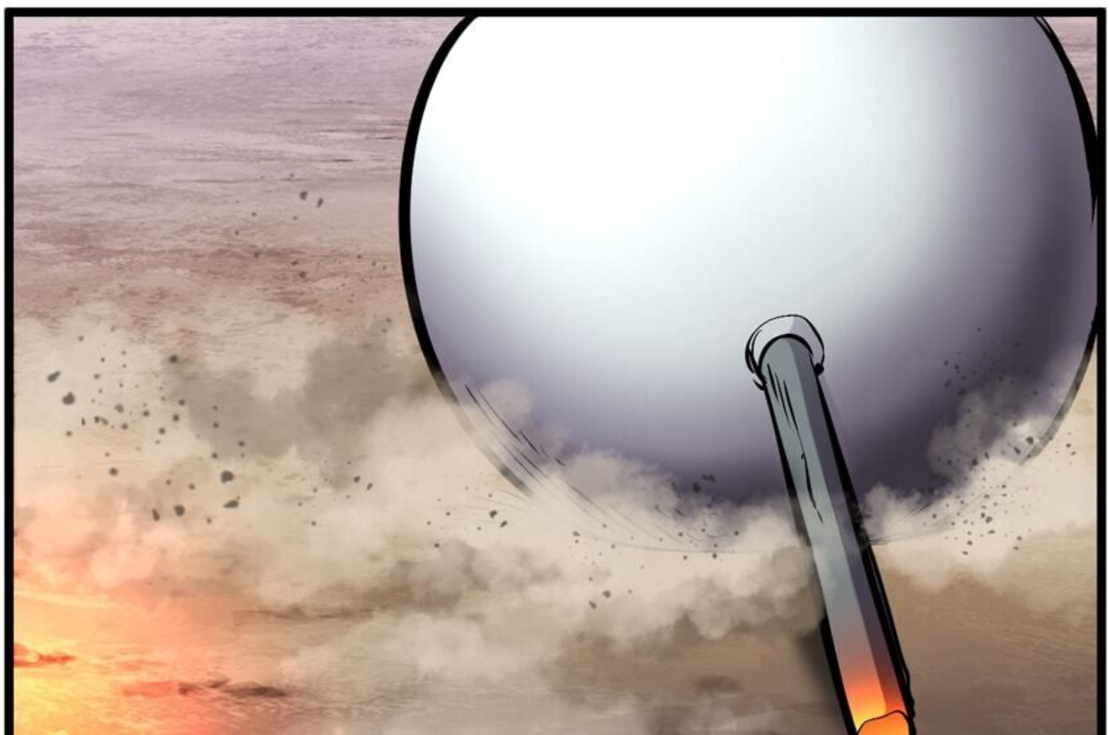
GYAHAHA! THEY'RE BOTH DEAD, SO DID I MAKE IT?
TEAR
Y-YOU'RE...

POLYFORK THE FREAK EATER!
I DID HEAR THAT YOU WERE RELEASED FROM THE CRATER PRISON, BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

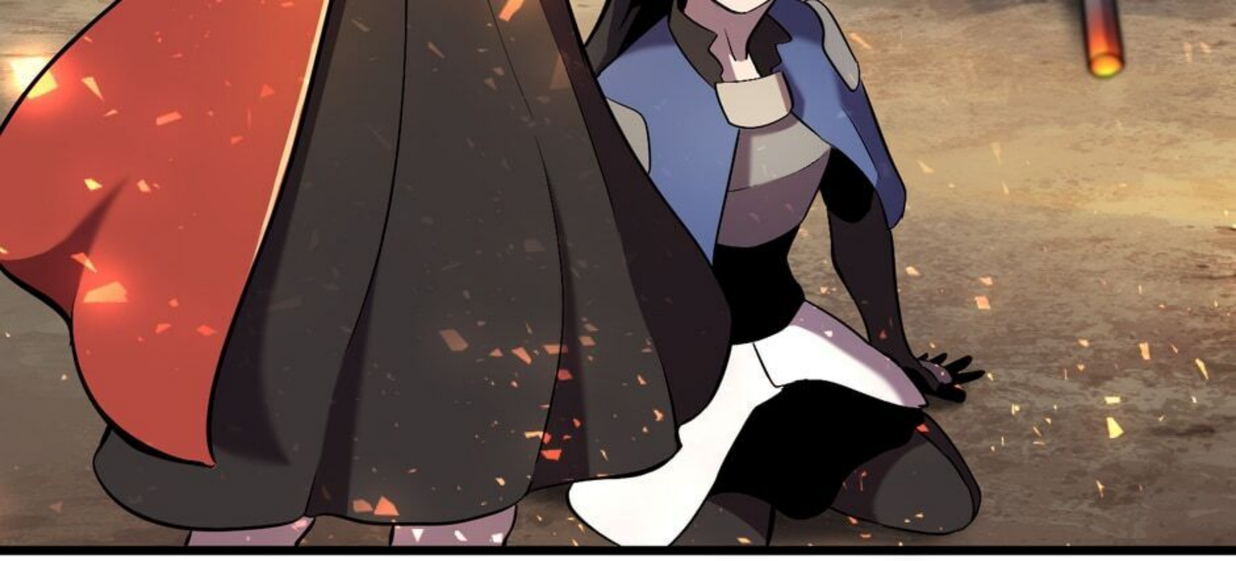
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. I'M POLYFORK, LEVEL 40.
I GOT TIRED OF HUMANS. THEY'RE NOT SO TASTY.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR MORE DELICIOUS MEALS AND THAT LED ME HERE.


WAIT, WHAT?
DRIP DRIP
DID I END UP KILLING THAT PROCTOR TOO?

DRIP
HMM?



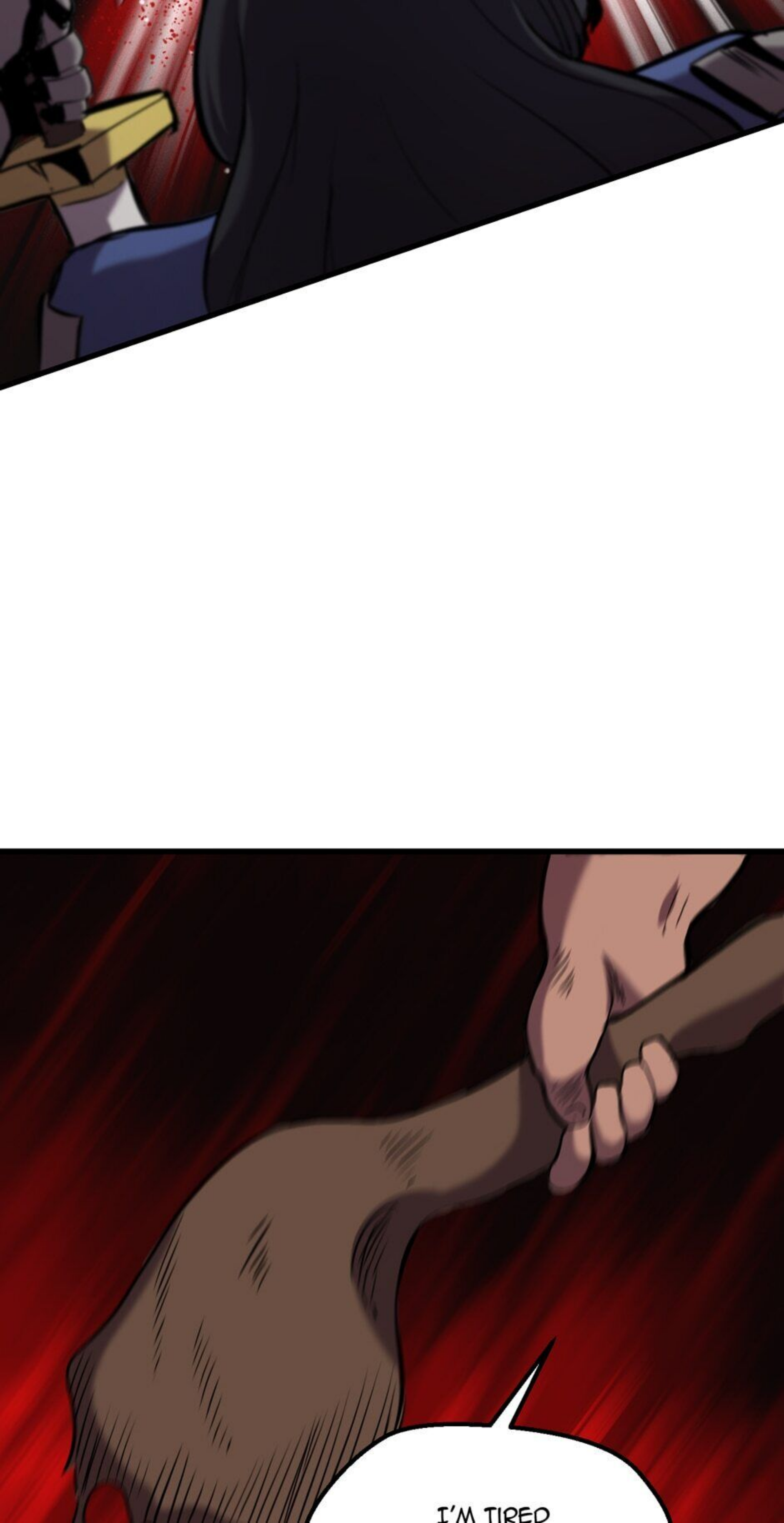
I GUESS I SHOULD POSTPONE MY TEST.



WERE YOU GONNA SAY...

...THAT YOU GOT LUCKY THIS TIME TOO?
I DID GET LUCKY.
THE ONLY REASON I WAS ABLE TO CUT HIS WEAPON IS BECAUSE ITS WEIGHT ISN'T DISTRIBUTED EVENLY ACROSS.

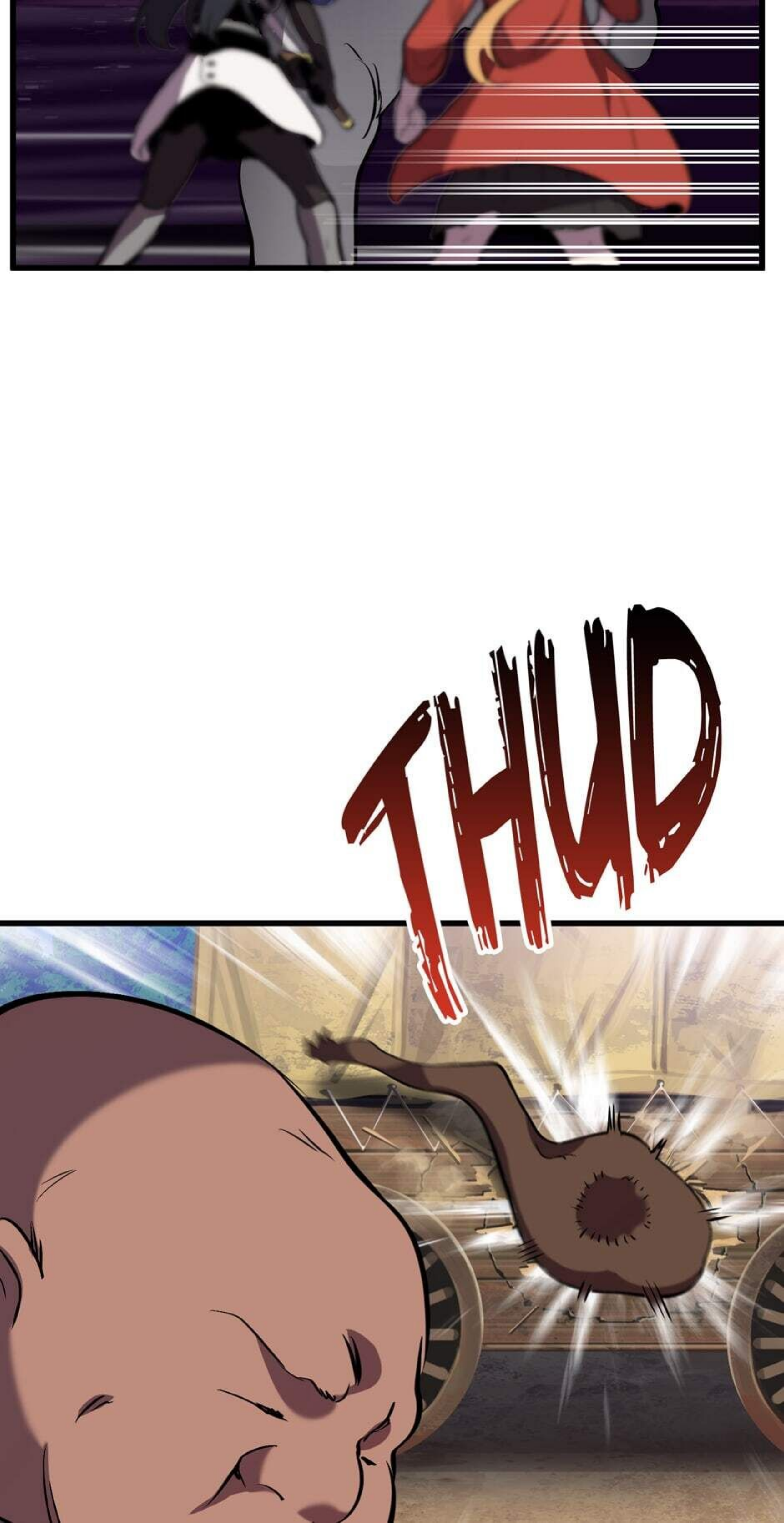
BUT I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT MEAT HEAD.
CRACK


I'M TIRED

OF THIS MEAT TOO.

SO JUST DIE!

FWHHHS
SH

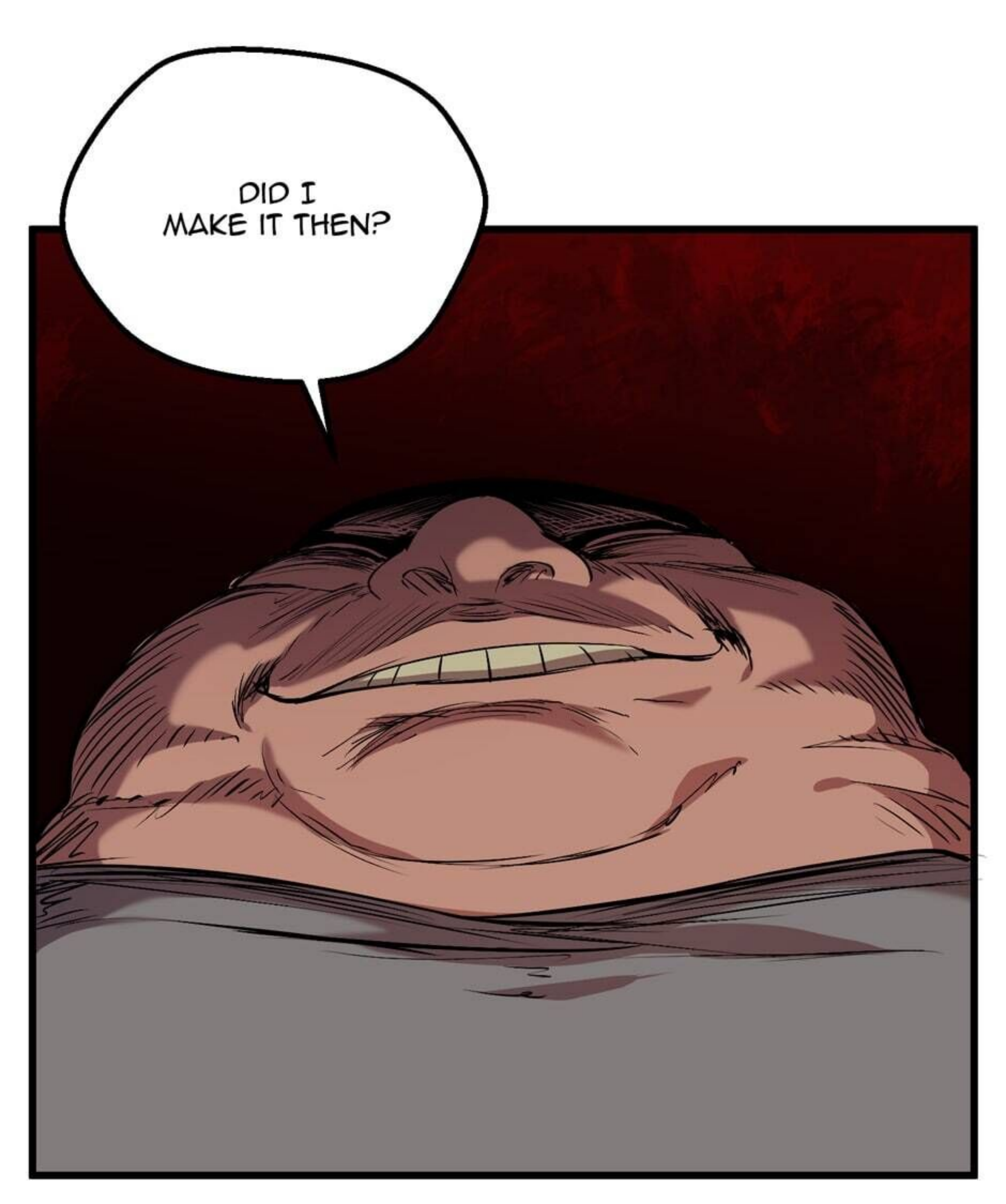

THUD

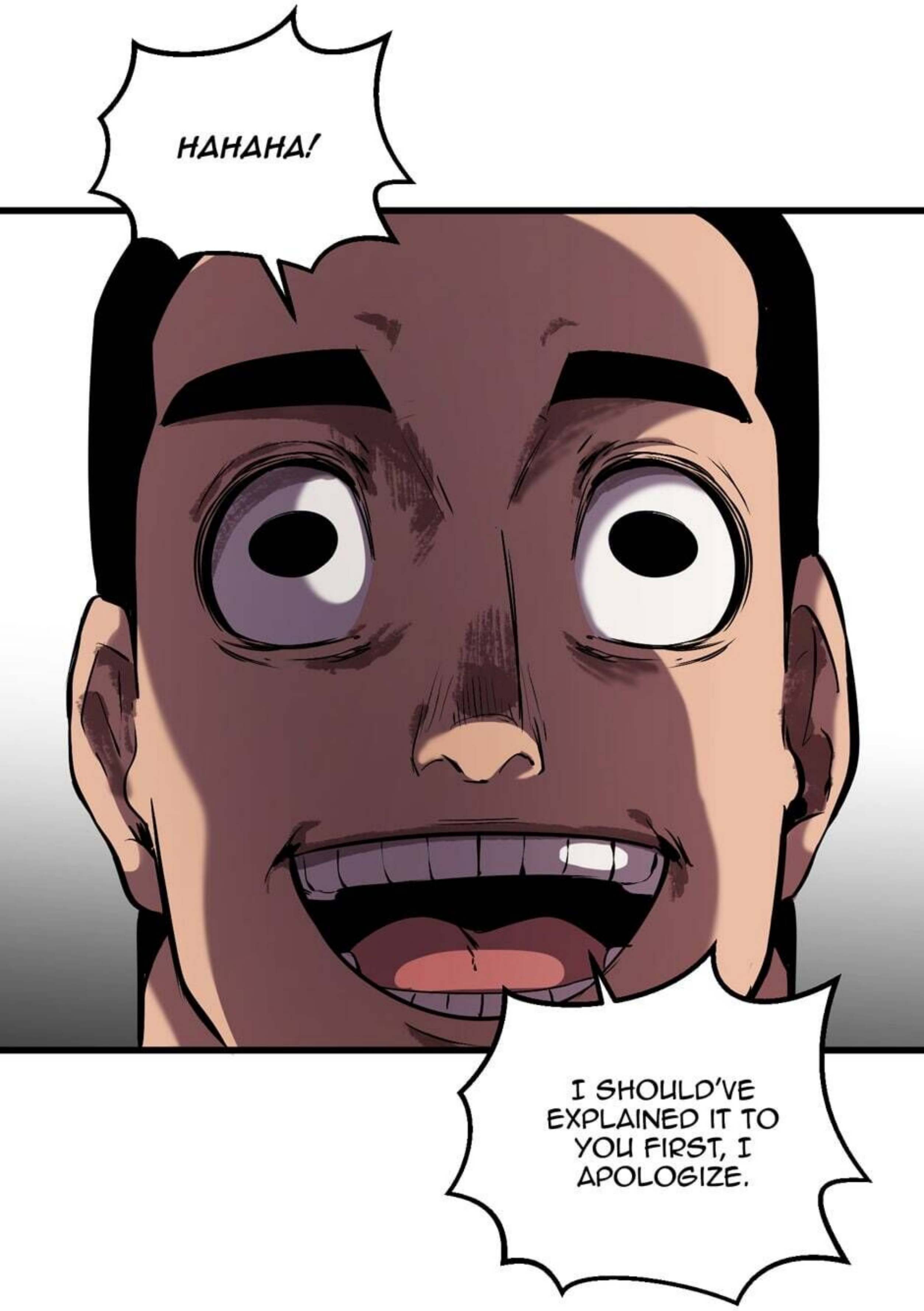
WHAT?

OH, THE PROCTOR GUY! YOU'RE ALIVE!

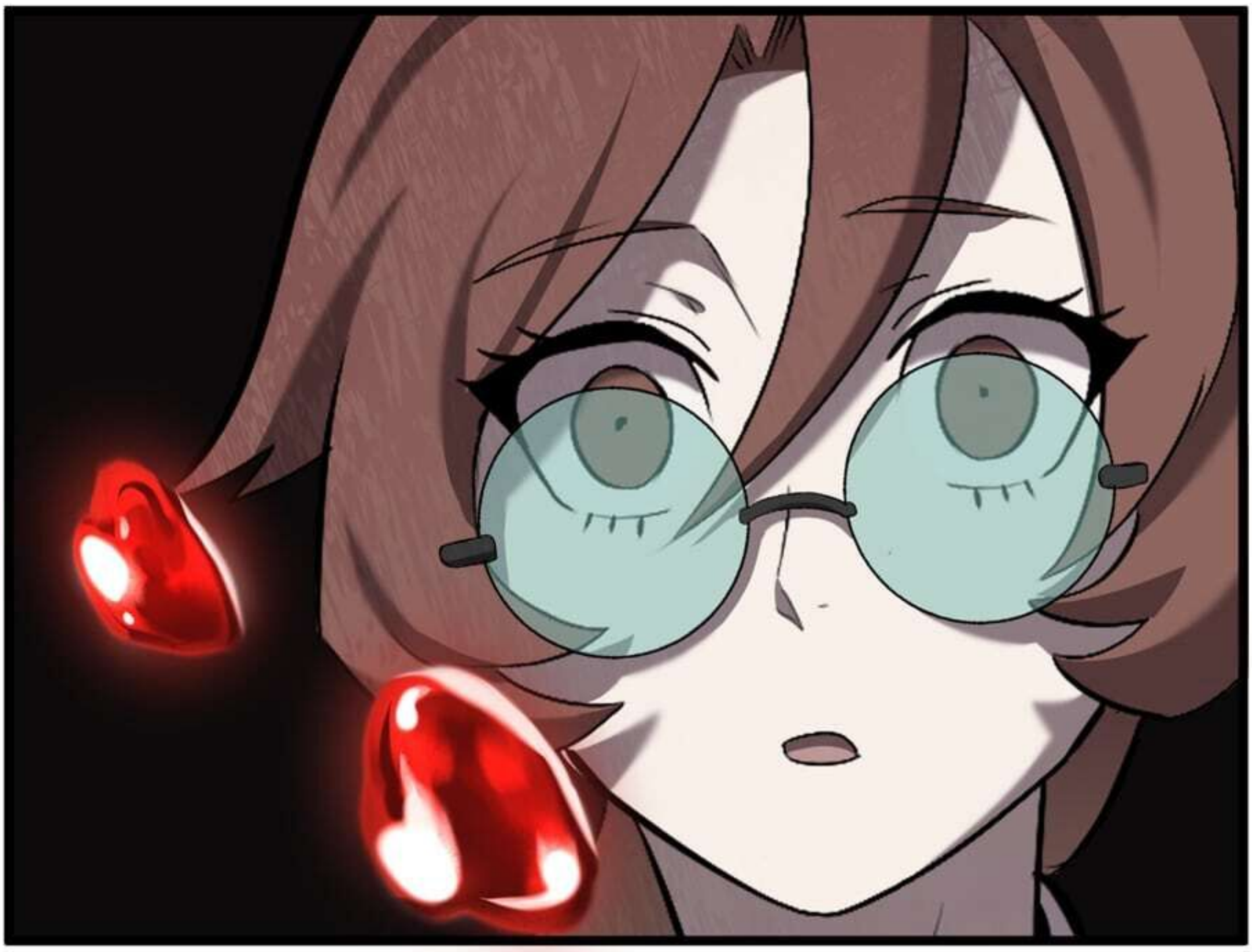
HAHAHA!
THANK YOU FOR WORRYING ABOUT MY LIFE, BUT...

...NO MORE HUNTERS WILL BE CHOSEN TODAY.


DID I
MAKE IT THEN?


HAHAHA!
I SHOULD'VE EXPLAINED IT TO YOU FIRST, I APOLOGIZE.

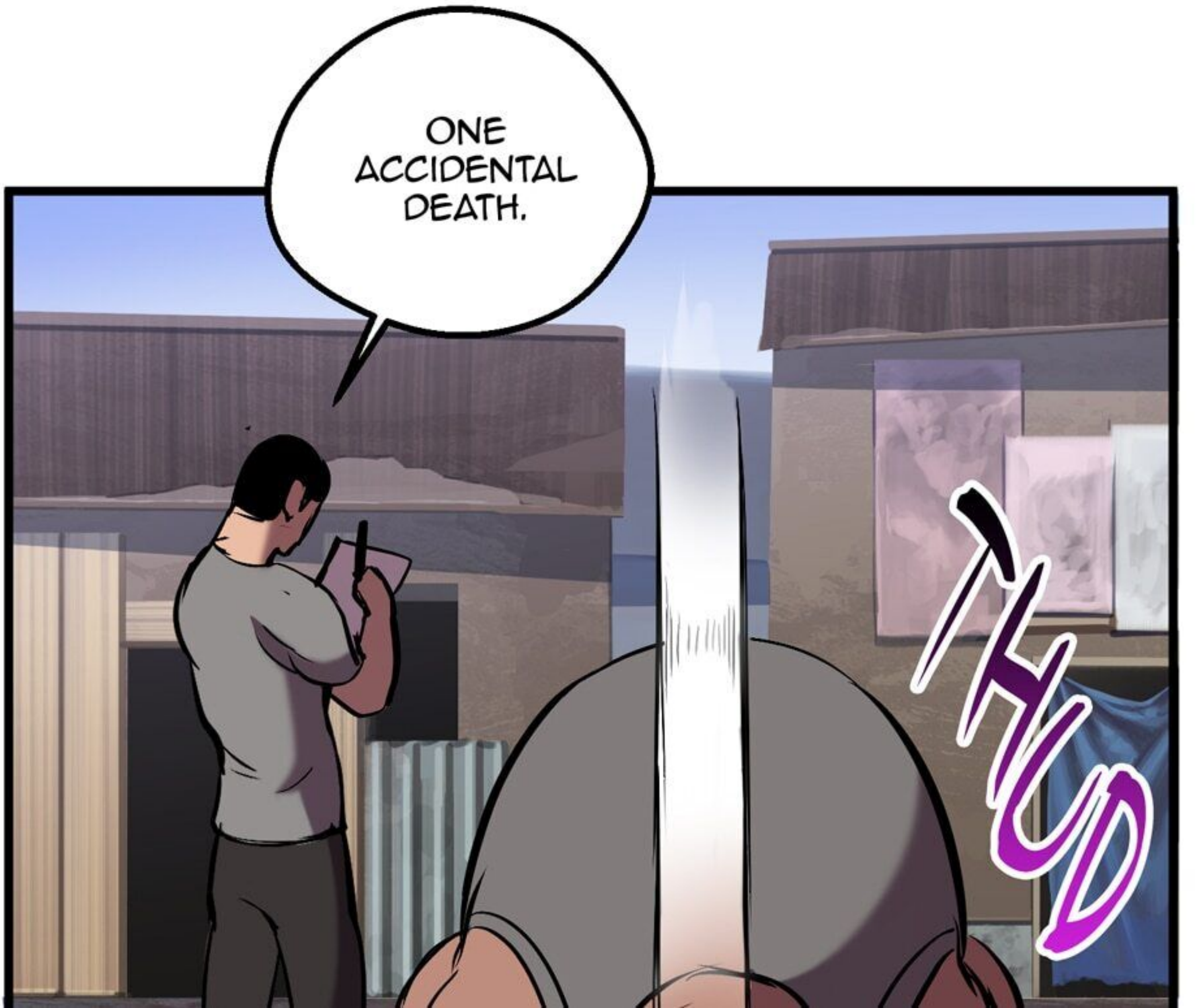
WE DON'T NEED ANYONE WHO'S DEAD ALREADY!



WHAM

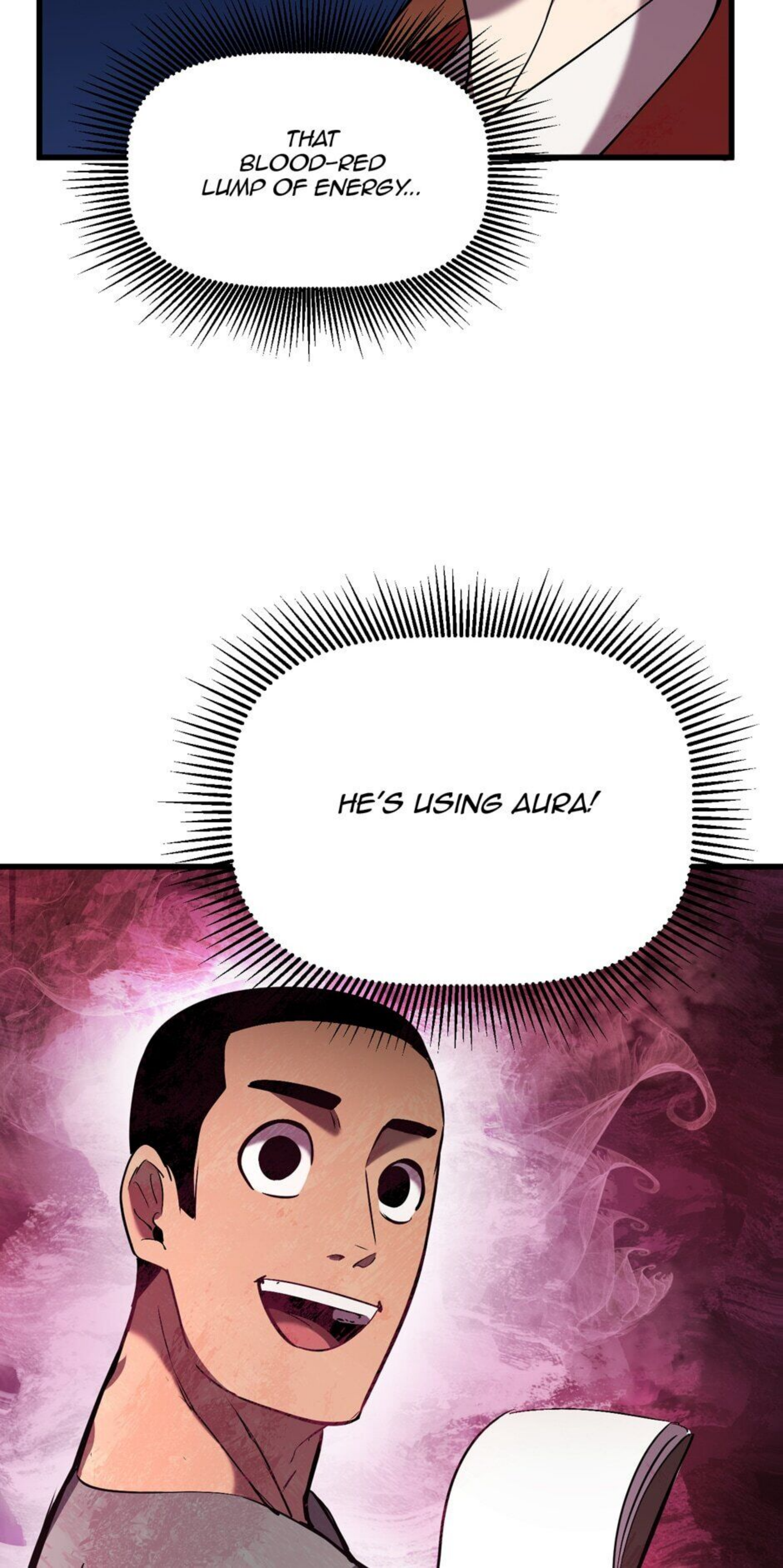
BLUERGH

TAK


ONE ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
THUD

STRENGTH WAS JUST SO-SO! HE MUST'VE LIED ABOUT HIS LEVEL. HAHAHA!

THAT FREAK WASN'T WEAK... IT WAS A SHORT MOMENT, BUT I SAW IT!


THAT BLOOD-RED LUMP OF ENERGY...
HE'S USING AURA!

OK, EVERYONE! LET'S MAKE OUR WAY TO THE DRAGON'S NEST!

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE

LATNA
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